

REMARKS

Further to the Board of Appeal's Decision in this application, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 18. Claim 18 has been cancelled.

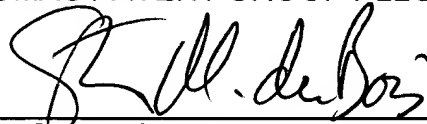
This Amendment is presented pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.197(a) to conform the claims in a manner consistent with the Board's Decision.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response or the application in general, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (540) 361-1863.

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